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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

FOR THE YEAR 1967.

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REGENT HOUSE,
CHEPSTOW...MON.

TEL. NO. CHEPSTOW 3125/6.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Rating Officer and Collector	Mr. W.A. Hood
Medical Officer of Health	Dr. E.N. Dowell.

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C H E P S T O W U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L.

Regent House,
CHEPSTOW,
Mon.
16th. January. 1968.

To The Chairman and Members of the Chepstow Urban District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my fourth Annual Report upon the activities of the Port of Chepstow for the year ended the 31st. December. 1967.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. Dowell,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION 1 - Staff.

TABLE A.

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appts. held.
Eric McClelland TAYLOR	SURVEYOR/ PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	27th. April. 1951.	Certificate of the Royal Society of Health Meat & Other Foods Certificate, Royal Soc. of Health	-
David John TURNER	Additional PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR	1st. June 1955.	Certificate of the Royal Society of Health Meat & Other Foods Certificate, Royal Soc. of Health	-

SECTION 11.

Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	Number Inspected		NO. OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING OR HAVING HAD DURING THE VOYAGE INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON BOARD.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
FOREIGN PORTS	7	3,431	-	-	-
COAST-WISE	69	38,153	-	-	-
TOTAL:	76	41,584	-	-	-

Shipping leaving the port during the year numbered fourteen with a total cargo tonnage of 5,410.

SECTION 111 - Character of Shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	(Number of passengers	INWARDS	-
	(Number of passengers	OUTWARDS	-
CARGO TRAFFIC	(Principal	IMPORTS	Ferro Manganese
	(Principal	EXPORTS	Fertiliser
Principal Ports from which ships arrive		-	French Ports.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply by the Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board. All water is suitably treated and routine samples are taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination to ensure that a satisfactory standard of purity is maintained.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

RADIO MESSAGES.

Arrangements are made for direct radio-telephonic communication with either the Sharpness or Barry Ports for the assistance of Trinity House Pilots to enter Port.

Ships are also in direct telephonic communication with Medport Limited via Illfracombe Radio Station, if required.

MOORING STATIONS.

No such "mooring stations" are available at the Port of Chepstow. If the necessity ever arises due to the arrival of an infected ship or a suspected ship, it will be necessary to divert such vessels to Portishead.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases is provided at the Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport, or to such other hospital as directed by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

In the event of smallpox cases entering the Port of Chepstow, instructions will have to be taken from the Welsh Regional Hospital Board as to the arrangements for Hospital accommodation to which smallpox cases will have to be sent, arrangements for the transport of such cases to that hospital and the facilities to be made available for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

The Ministry of Health's Panel of Smallpox Consultants available for this area if needed is as follows :-

Dr. E. Waddington, Pembroke House, St. Winifred's Hospital, Romilly Crescent, Cardiff.

Dr. G.F.J. Thomas, St. David's Hospital, Cardiff.

Dr. M.S. Pathy, "Mathern", Cefn Coed Crescent, Cardiff.

Dr. F.J. Doherty, Aberamman Uchaf, Aberdare, Glam.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

CATEGORY	DISEASE	No. of cases during the year		NO. OF SHIPS CONCERNED.
		PASSENGERS	CREW	
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

This section does not apply since the Port of Chepstow is not an "approved port" for the issue of Deratting Exemption Certificates.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

TABLE G.
Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
	NIL		

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Regent House,

CHEPSTOW....Mon.

2nd. August. 1968.

To:- The Chairman and Members of
the Chepstow Urban District Council,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District for the year ended 31st. December. 1967.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

E.N. DOWELL

Medical Officer of Health.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

1967.

STATISTICS.

The estimated mid-year population was 7360. In 1966 it was 7560.

The natural increase, i.e. the figure that the number of births exceeds the number of deaths, was 42.

BIRTHS.

Live Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	71	73	144
Illegitimate	4	7	11

Of the above only 26 were registered with the Local Registrar.

The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 197 in 1963 and the lowest was 81 in 1952.

Still-Births.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate		2	2

The following are details of the transferable still-births as supplied by the Registrar General :-

(i) Female 1a. Anoxia.
b. Cord tight around neck.

(ii) Female 1a. Unknown. Macerated.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	1		1

The age at death was one week and the cause was prematurity.

In 1952 and 1962 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age.

DEATHS.

Deaths.	Males.	Females.	Total.
	62	51	113

Of the deaths registered in 1967, 48 died in hospitals in your district, and although they were not residents, had been in hospital for more than six months before death.

In 1962 there were 126 registered deaths.

For sixteen consecutive years no death has been attributed to childbirth.

The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1967.

	Males.	Females.
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	
Malignant neoplasm, stomach		1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	
Malignant neoplasm, breast		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	12
Coronary disease, angina	19	10
Hypertension with heart disease	2	
Other heart disease	6	6
Other circulatory disease	2	1
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	6	3
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	4
All other accidents		1
Suicide		1
Homicide and operations of war	2	
Total all causes	62	51

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY.

DIPHTHERIA.

For fifteen consecutive years, no case has been notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 100 children were immunised against diphtheria. In 1966 the number of immunisations was 110.

Of the number immunised, 35 were babies born in 1967 and 56 were born in 1966.

SMALLPOX (Vaccinations).

In 1967 only 44 primary vaccinations were completed. In 1962, the year that smallpox came to South Wales, there were 3403.

POLIOMYELITIS.

As in 1966, there were no cases notified. In the last eleven years, only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1957.

FOOD POISONING.

No cases have been reported.

TUBERCULOSIS.

As in 1963, there were no notifications.

The Mass Radiography Service came to Chepstow on July 12 and stayed for three days.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1967.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply. As from the 1st. October. 1960, the Chepstow Water Co., a private Company which had previously supplied water to the Urban District for a long number of years, ceased to operate and was taken over by the newly constituted Board, The Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board, comprising the County Borough of Newport, Urban Districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Cwmbran and the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Magor & St. Mellons.

25 samples of water were regularly taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination, all but 5 samples having satisfactory results. The water is not subject to plumbo-solvency.

165 samples of treated water were taken by the Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board for both chemical and bacteriological examination, all the results being satisfactory.

SWIMMING & BATHING POOLS.

There are no swimming pools within the area.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Contracts Nos. 1 and 2 of the Council's Main Drainage Scheme have now been completed. These works provided new Trunk sewers to serve the needs of land scheduled for residential development, and the provision of a new Stormwater overflow sewer discharging into the River Wye.

Contracts 3 and 4 of the Scheme provide for rising mains to pump the sewerage from the old town of Chepstow to high ground in the Bulwark Area, from whence it will gravitate in existing sewers to the new Sewage Works at Thornwell. The works provide for partial treatment before discharge into the River Wye at the confluence of the Severn. The total costs of the works will be in the region of £300,000.

The whole of the Council's sewerage system will then be comparatively modern, with a satisfactory effluent complying with the requirements of The Wye River Authority.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with waterclosets connected to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the district, no trouble is experienced.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

At the present time, domestic and trade refuse is collected once weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises within the Town Centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse.

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. 1959.
(as amended by the Housing Acts 1961 & 1964).

13 applications for Standard Grants were received and approved during the year, the amenities provided and the amount of grant being available varying in each case.

HOUSING.

	Temporary			Permanent		
1. Number of Separate dwellings owned by Local Authority on 31st. December. 1967.	1965	1966	1967	1965	1966	1967
	-	-	-	989	1001	1049
2. Local Authority Dwellings						
(a) Number of new separate dwellings completed during the year				-	12	48
(b) Number of houses otherwise acquired by Local Authority during the year ...				-	-	1
(c) Number of Local Authority houses disposed of				-	-	-
3. Number of new separate dwellings completed by Private Enterprise during the year ...				24	45	50
4. Improvement Grants. (Including Local Authorities)						
(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants ...				5	7	13
(b) Number of Other Improvement Grants ...				1	1	-
5. Improvement Loans.						
(a) Number of Improvement Loans				3	10	4
6. Rent Act. 1957.						
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued...				-	-	-

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES.

Premises.	No. of Visits.
Butchers	13
Fried Fish shops and Fishmongers	3
Grocers and Provisioners	27
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14
General Confectioners..	11
Cafes and Snack Bars...	4
Hotels and Restaurants.	12
Street Vendors	35
Licensed Premises	6
School and Works Canteens	6
Unsound food visits	8
Miscellaneous food visits	6
	135

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS. 1960.

Defects Remedied	Cafes Canteen Confectioners	Bakers and Food Preparers	Grocers and Greengrocers	Butchers	Wet and Fried Fish Shops	Licensed Premises	Hotels and Restaurants	TOTALS.
General Disrepair	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleanliness & Decoration	4	-	1	3	-	-	2	10
Hot water supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wash-hand Basins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First-Aid Kits	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drainage	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Floors	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
Equipment	4	-	1	-	1	-	1	7
San.Accom.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clothing	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL:	8	-	2	5	1	-	8	24

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT. 1955.
Food Complaints.

Details of complaints lodged by members of the public and of the action taken in each case is summarised below.

Description of Foodstuff	Nature of Complaint	Action Taken
Milk Bottle	Dirty	Referred to Health Department in whose area the milk bottling establishment was situated.
Carton of Chocolate Rolls	Contained Mould	Warning letter sent to manufacturers.
Sandwich Cake	Rancid	- ditto -
Cider	Presence of alkaline agent	Warning letter sent to Bottlers.
Pork pie	Contained Mould	Manufacturer/Retailer prosecuted Fined 20 gns. plus 3 gns Advocates Fees.
Steak and Kidney Pie	Contained glass	Manufacturer/Retailer prosecuted. Fined £25 plus 10 gns. Advocates Fees.
Chicken(Frozen)	Decomposed	Warning letter sent to Retailer re: Stock Rotation.
Beef Sausage	Genuine	-

MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supplied within the district is imported, all consisting of bottled milk of the designated grades.

Samples of milk were abstracted from retailers during the year, and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS 1959.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Manufacturers (Cold Mix)... ...	-
Retailers	23.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT.
Hawkers of Food.

Fourteen persons were registered at the end of the year, as Hawkers of Food within the Urban District.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT.
Registration of Hairdressers.

The number of Hairdressers registered under Section 119 of the Monmouthshire County Council Act. 1956 at the end of the year was :-

Ladies Haidressers	9.
Gentlemens Hairdressers	6.

PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

2 premises are licensed to keep pet animals.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT. 1964.

Two persons were registered under the Act at the end of the year.

RODENT CONTROL.

The following extracts from Form I.R.31 as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food summarises the work carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	2918	5
2. a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	62	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	62	-
(ii) Mice	-	-
3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	-	-
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(ii) Mice	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS. 1961.

The under-mentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories Acts :-

PART I OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

(1)	M/C Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/C Line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	2	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	2	34	16	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
T O T A L : -		36	18	-	-	

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

(1)	M/c Line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c Line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred TO H.M. Insp. (5)	Referred BY H.M. Insp. (6)		
Want of cleanliness(S.1)	4						4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8						8
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)							
(a) Insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						11
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	12						12
TOTAL : -							

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NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served	10
Preliminary Notices complied with	14
Statutory Notices served	33
Statutory Notices complied with	-

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	115
Drainage	40
Factories	18
Rodent infestation	30
Food Premises	135
Visits re: Unsound Food	8
Water and Milk Samples	28
Public Utilities Street Works..	15
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	35
Moveable dwellings	3
Miscellaneous	187
HOUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)	7
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose) ...	247
Smoke observations	4
Means of escape in Case of Fire from certain high Buildings	12
Visits in connection with Applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants	30
Building Regulations (New dwellings Etc)	125
Overcrowding	3
Fumigations	6
Offices and Shops	65
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OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT. 1963.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

TABLE 'A'.

(1) Class of Premises	(2) No. of premises registered during the year	(3) Total No. of registered premises at end of the year	(4) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	6	36	-
Retail Shops	3	64	20
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	13	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
T O T A L S :-	9	113	21

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises. 65.

TABLE 'B'

Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

TABLE 'C'.

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	191
Retail Shops	471
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	94
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-

TOTAL : 756

Total Males: 250
Total Females: 506

Class of Premises.

	Offices	Retail Shops	Catering Est. Open to the Public
1. Temperature.			
Thermometer provided	-	4	-
Inadequate temperature	-	2	-
2. Sanitary Conveniences.			
Provision of Lighting	-	-	-
Cleanliness	-	4	-
Repairs	-	-	-
3. Washing Facilities.			
Provision of W.H. Basins	-	-	-
Hot and Cold Water	-	-	-
4. Seating Facilities.			
Seats provided	-	-	-
5. Floors, passages, stairs.			
Obstructed stairs	-	-	-
Handrail provided	-	1	-
6. First-Aid Kit.			
Contents No. 1.	-	4	-
Contents No. 2.	-	-	-
7. Acc. for clothing.			
Lockers provided	-	1	-
8. Provision of Abstract	-	5	-
9. Inadequate Lighting	-	-	-

10. No. of accidents reported during the year	1
No. of notices served during year	6
No. of notices complied with	6

CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
TUBERCULOSIS.				
Whole carcases condemned ...	-	-	-	-
Meat	-	-	-	-
Offal	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	-	-	-	-
NON-TUBERCULOSIS.				
Whole carcases condemned ...	-	-	2	22
Meat	-	1	3	9
Offal	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	-	2	2	3
Total amount - Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis :-	-	2	2	3
OTHER FOODS.				
Chicken	-	5	-	-
Fish	-	-	3	14
Honey	-	-	-	1
TOTAL :-	-	5	3	15
TINS				943
PACKETS				202
JARS				41

CATTLE MARKET.

The Council controlled the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

On October 9th. 1967 the Cattle Market ceased to function as such due to the rapid decline in the number of animals entered for sale, and also the repairs that would have been necessary if the Market was to comply with the Law.

Animals entering the Market during the period 1st. JANUARY - 9th. OCTOBER. 1967 were as follows :-

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS	TOTAL.
94	19	1,497	33	1,643.